



61st Annual MEA/MAEA Art Acquisitions Purchase Exhibition 2025

Sharlene Welton | Canton | "The Beauty of Detroit" | Acrylic

Purpose of the Exhibit

The Michigan Education Association (MEA) and the Michigan Art Education Association (MAEA) announce their annual purchase exhibit to acquire artwork to enhance the MEA headquarters in East Lansing and MEA regional and UniServ offices throughout the state. This exhibit provides an opportunity to showcase the artwork of our members.

Eligibility

Any member in good standing of MEA or MEA-Retired is eligible to submit artwork (this includes ESP and student members in good standing and MEA-Retired members with life membership dues paid in full). Proof of membership is necessary. No entry fee required.

Paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, jewelry, metal work, enamels, mosaics, wood, fibers, stained glass, photographs, experimental media, and sculptures are all eligible. All artwork submitted must be original work. Artwork deemed not original by the juror will not be accepted. Each artist may submit up to two works. Works not for sale will not be accepted.

Requirements for Hanging

All work meant to be hung MUST be equipped with hanging hardware or it will be rejected. Artwork over 25 lbs. cannot be hung. (WE PRIMARILY USE S HOOKS TO DISPLAY FROM CHAINS.) Provide any preferred display accessories with your entry.

Entry Form/Catalog Card

An online entry form email must accompany each artwork submission. Images emailed without an entry form will not be accepted into the jurying pool of artwork. Accepted works by the juror must have a paper entry form attached to the back (if able so as not to damage the work) of each piece. It is vitally important to include your personal email address on the entry information for future art show announcements, programs and notification of whether or not work is accepted.

The price of the artwork must be indicated on the entry form. [Please consider the budget limitations of the committee when pricing your artwork.](#) Pieces priced under \$500 are more likely to be purchased. Works that are purchased will become part of MEA's permanent collection. Works sold are not subject to a commission.

Calendar

- Online submissions March 1-April 1
- Deadline for submission April 1
- Jurying of artwork April 2-5
- Notification via email April 12
- Delivery of work April 14-May 10
- Art installation. May 17
- Artists Reception June 9, 5-8 p.m.
- Exhibition closes June 9
- Artwork pick-up deadline June 20

Delivery of Work

There are two options this year!

1. Between April 14-May 7, hand carry accepted artwork to your MEA Field Office. From there, the MEA staff and/or local leaders will ensure your work gets to the MEA Annual Representative Assembly in East Lansing.

To make arrangements to deliver artwork to a field office, please contact Rebbecca Ernst at rebnst@mea.org or call (800) 292-1934, ext. 5411.
2. May 9-10, hand carry accepted artwork to the MEA Annual Representative Assembly in Lansing at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave. All artwork dropped off will be transported to MEA Headquarters.

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Juror: Mirvia Sol Eckert

Mirvia Sol Eckert's art is deeply rooted in her Puerto Rican heritage. Based in Indianapolis, she has spent over 13 years as a full-time acrylic painter, following a career as a graphic designer and teaching art enrichment classes to elementary and middle school students. She uses crisp lines and defined shapes, blending recognizable imagery with abstract elements that invite deeper reflection. Mirvia finds beauty in small moments of observation, diverse cultures, and nature's details, even amidst emotional turmoil. As co-founder of the Indy Latina Artists group and a member of the Indiana Artists Club, she continues to make her mark in the local art scene. Mirvia was awarded the Creative Renewal Artist Fellowship Grant, has won several art contests, and her art is featured in private collections across the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Europe. Recent collaborations with the Indy 500 Welcome Race Fans campaign and the 2024 NBA All-Star event have showcased her vibrant style.

To see more of Mirvia's work and journey, visit her website at mirviasol.com or on Instagram @mirviasolpainter.

Awards/Recognition

The juror determines whether each artwork entry is accepted or rejected into the exhibit. [Acceptance into the show does not guarantee purchase](#). The committee then notifies the artist by email. Awards are as follows: 1) Juror's award; 2) MEA purchase awards; 3) MAEA purchase award; 4) Best of Show; 5) Honorable Mention.

Exhibit

The artists reception will be at MEA headquarters in East Lansing on June 9, 2025, 5-8 p.m.

Work accepted for the annual exhibit may not be withdrawn before the close of the exhibit on June 9. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Artwork will also be displayed on MEA's website at mea.org/art.

To view the accepted entries for the 2024 exhibit, please visit mea.org/art. The 2025 accepted entries will be posted by May 17.

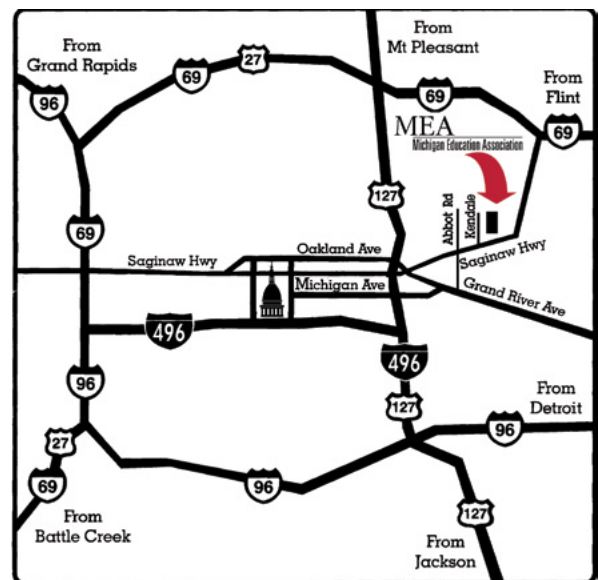
Pick Up Information

You may contact us to have your artwork ready for pick up at (800) 292-1934, ext. 5411. **Work not picked up by noon on June 20, 2025, becomes the property of MEA.**

Liability

MEA reserves the right to reproduce any accepted piece of artwork on the program cover, in any news release, and on the MEA or a related website concerning the promotion of the MEA Purchase Exhibition. By submitting the artwork, the entrant hereby authorizes MEA to reproduce the artwork as set forth above and the entrant waives any and all claims that the entrant may have against the MEA, its officers, members, employees, agents, and affiliates arising out of the use of the artwork.

It is understood and agreed by all entrants that artwork is submitted at the entrant's own risk. Submission of artwork constitutes agreement by the artist to abide by the rules of the exhibit.



Map to MEA Headquarters

1216 Kendale Blvd. | East Lansing, MI 48823 | (800) 292-1934

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For use with selected work that will be installed.

Entry 1 (attach to back of work—please print or type)

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Artist _____
Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

No hanging clips or sawtooth hangers.

Entry 2 (attach to back of work—please print or type)

2025

Artist _____
Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

No hanging clips or sawtooth hangers.

Catalog Card (must be turned in with artwork—please print or type)

2025

Artist _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Local association or school _____

Member in good standing of (check all that apply):

MEA member ID* _____ MEA-Retired member ID* _____

Entry 1

Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Entry 2

Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

*MEA and MEA-Retired member IDs are listed on your current MEA Advantage card. You can also access your number by visiting mea.org/login and it will display your member number next to your name.